9. Sport Goods Export Promotion Council,
1-E/6, Swami Ram Tirth Nagar,
Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi-110055

10. Export Promotion Council for EOUs & SEZ Units,
705, Bhikaji Cama Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 066

11. Pharmexcil
101, Aditya Trade Centre,
Ameerpeth, Hyderabad-500 038.

Steps to protect interest of arecanut producers

2572. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is the leading producer of arecanut in the country in terms of area, quantity and quality;

(b) whether inferior quality arecanut is smuggled into the country in larger quantity from Bangladesh, Burma, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether such smuggling is adversely affecting the interest of indigenous arecanut producers; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Centre to protect their interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No authentic information is available on smuggling of inferior quality of arecanut into the country. However, in order to prevent illegal entry of arecanut into the country, necessary instructions to the customs officials have been issued by the Ministry of Finance.

India's share in world export of tobacco

2573. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India in world export of Tobacco during the years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 upto 28th February, 2006 and whether there is